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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Dieter BRUECKNER, Franz-Josef GOETZ, Dieter KLOTZ,  
Juergen SCHIMMER and Matthias SCHWEIKART  
METHOD OF ARBITRATING ACCESS TO A DATA BUS  
**Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT**  
Our Ref. Q79529

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-two (32) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and nineteen (19) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement, a Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and 2 references. **Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/03436, filed September 13, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application.

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The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

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